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UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES OPEN AND ACCEPTING MATERIALS

The recently created University Archives have opened in the former Layton Gallery in the basement of Clare Hall. Materials are being accepted from throughout the University, according to Sister Margaret Ruddy, OSF, archivist.

Stritch President Dr. Helen Sobehart announced the creation of the archives at her first State of the University address in fall 2008. She also announced that Sister Margaret would transition from her longtime role in the Library to become archivist, providing intimate knowledge of University history, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and special cataloging and archiving techniques honed over many years in her previous position.

"My goal is to tell the history of the University from a different perspective," said Sister Margaret. "People don't often look back in time to understand the present and plan for the future, but it can be very useful, especially with more than 70 years of history."

Though she admits that she will be as much a detective as an archivist during the first years of the archives, Sister Margaret is already hard at work sorting and saving the materials she has collected from across the University. She is working on a University timeline that marks significant moments in Stritch's history, as well as scanning and cataloging photographs dating back to when the original Sisters arrived in St. Francis from Bavaria.

Items already housed in the archives include photographs, presidential papers, yearbooks, gifts from past Franciscan pilgrims, newspaper clippings, architectural drawings and budgets, annual reports, back issues of Stritch Magazine and student newspapers, and more. Among the treasures is a pristine copy of the 1937-38 St. Clare College Bulletin, which served as the school's very first course catalog.

"I'm starting with the things that have stopped," said Sister Margaret of her first priorities in the archives, such as the printed student newspaper, yearbooks, literary magazines and other past publications. "I'm scanning everything I can, so that we have a digital record. Many photographs and documents have begun to deteriorate, and it would be a shame to lose them forever."

Sister Margaret plans to eventually have display cases in the archives and around campus that highlight various areas of the University. She is also developing a query form to send to University colleges and departments, and welcomes anyone with institutional knowledge and spare time to stop by and offer assistance on identifying people in photographs and sharing stories. She plans to tap fellow Sisters to help, as well as Jubilarians who were students at St. Clare College.

Any individuals or departments with materials they think might be appropriate for the archives are encouraged to send them to Sister Margaret or contact her at mruddy@stritch.edu or ext. 4260. She encourages people not to "edit" first or throw anything away.

"Just send what you have and I can sort it out," she said. "There's so much history in the little things that we wouldn't want to miss!"



STRITCH TO HOST 800TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE RULE OF ST. FRANCIS

Stritch will host a special celebration marking the 800th anniversary of the Rule of St. Francis, which began the Franciscan tradition the University continues to embrace today.

"We're excited to celebrate this milestone here at Stritch," said Father Jim Gannon, OFM, executive director of mission and identity. "Given the University's history and mission, the bond between it and the order of Franciscan men and women continues to grow closer."

The event will take place Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

The program will feature remarks from Dr. Helen Sobehart, president, followed by a presentation, "The Missal of San Nicolo and the Rule of St. Francis," by Father Roch Niemier, OFM, provincial spiritual assistant for Secular Franciscan Fraternities and former president of Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs. The presentation will focus on the legacy of the document upon which the Rule of St. Francis is based. Discussion and breakout sessions will follow the presentation.

Dr. Peter Holbrook, executive director of leadership and organizational learning, will give a short presentation, "Franciscan Leadership for the Future," followed by Mass at 4 p.m. in the Conference Center. A reception will begin at 5:15 p.m.

The event cost is \$15, which can be paid at the event or via phone with a credit card. Seating is limited. RSVP to Jenny Nichols, director of special events, at (414) 410-4203 or jrnichols@stritch.edu.

*Cardinal Stritch University invites you
to join in a celebration of the Rule of
St. Francis*

800th Anniversary of Franciscan Life Saturday, April 18, 2009

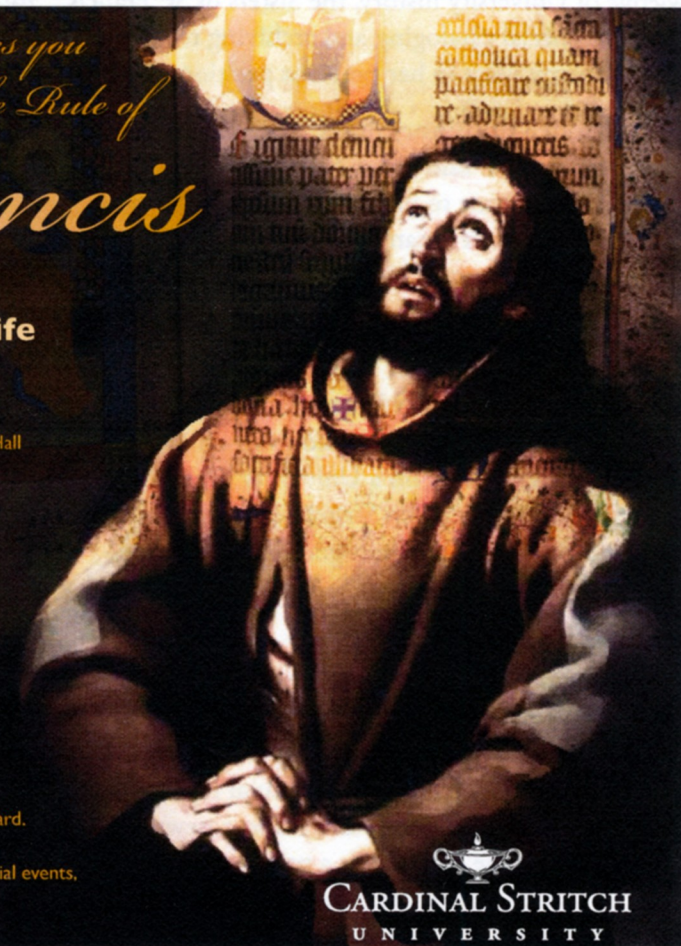
Location: Cardinal Stritch University,
6801 N. Yates Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217
Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center, Bonaventure Hall

Schedule of events

- 12:45 p.m. Registration and check in
- 1 p.m. Welcome: Dr. Helen Sobehart, Cardinal Stritch
University President
- 1:15 p.m. The Missal of San Nicolo/Rule of St. Francis:
Father Roch Niemier, OFM
- 2 p.m. Discussion/breakout session
- 3 p.m. Franciscan Leadership for the Future: Dr. Peter Holbrook
- 3:30 p.m. Closing: Father Jim Gannon, OFM
- 4 p.m. Mass
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